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The following reports were ordered to be printed :

REPORT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY.

Sixteen meetings have been held during the year, on the first and third Tuesdays from October to May inclusive, with an average attendance of thirty-six. Verbal communications were made by Messrs. A. E. Brown, Sharp, Keeley, Calvert, Chapman, Pilsbry, Fowler, Stone, Borden, Goodspeed, Phillips, Conklin, Nelson, Willcox, S. Brown, Moore, Wetherill, Miss Wardle and Miss Keller.

Fifty-two papers were presented for publication, as follows: James A. G. Rehn, 7; Henry W. Fowler, 4; Henry A. Pilsbry, 4; J. Percy Moore, 4; Thomas H. Montgomery, Jr., 2; T. D. A. Cockerell, 2; Henry C. Chapman, 2; J. A. G. Rehn and Morgan Hebard, 1; Nathan Banks, 1; N. M. Stevens, 1; Addison Gulick, 1; Harold Heath, 1; Thomas L. Casey, 1; James A. Nelson, 1; Harry C. Oberholzer, 1; A. E. Brown, 1; John H. Harshberger, 1; Benjamin Sharp and H. W. Fowler, 1; M. F. Thompson, 1; William F. Allen, 1; David H. Tennant, 1; Sarah P. Monks, 1; Witmer Stone, 1; Witmer Stone and A. S. Bunnell, 1; H. A. Pilsbry and E. Vanatta, 1; H. A. Pilsbry and Y. Hirase, 1; R. W. Shufeldt, 1; Mary H. Greenwalt, 1; Adele M. Fielde, 1; Adele M. Fielde and G. H. Parker, 1; Everett F. Phillips, 1; R. V. Chamberlin, 1; Charles W. Johnson, 1; Albert M. Reese, 1.

One of these, Fowler's *Fishes of Sumatra*, forms the concluding number of Volume XII of the *Journal*, six were returned to the authors, two were transferred to the Entomological Section, one is held under consideration, four have been accepted for publication in the volume for 1905, and the others constitute the current volume of the *Proceedings*.

A paper by Edward G. Conklin, Ph.D., entitled *The Organization and Cell-Lineage of the Ascidian Egg*, to form the first number of the *Journal*, Volume XIII, is going through the press, and will be ready for publication as soon as five of the plates in color, now being prepared in Germany, are received.

Eight hundred and ninety-five pages of the *Proceedings* and 59 plates, 70 pages and 22 plates of the *Journal*, 352 pages and 20 plates of the *Entomological News*, 299 pages and 20 plates of the *Transactions of the American Entomological Society* (Entomological Section of the

Academy), and 353 pages illustrated by 60 plates of the *Manual of Conchology* have been published.

The issues of the *Proceedings* and *Journal* have been distributed as follows:

PROCEEDINGS, delivered to members, ...	498
“ exchanged, ...	560
“ to subscribers, ...	40
	1,098
JOURNAL, exchanged, ...	72
“ to subscribers, ...	34
	106

The decrease in the number of copies of the *Proceedings* sent out is due to a careful revision of the Exchange List, those societies being dropped, after due notification, from whom it is unlikely that a return will be received.

Sixteen members and two correspondents have been elected. The deaths of sixteen members and four correspondents have been announced. The following have resigned their membership: William J. Scott, Norris J. Scott, H. B. Gross, O. S. Paxson, William D. Joyce, William R. Reineck, C. M. Thomas and H. H. Furness.

In consequence of a decrease in the membership of the Conchological Section it ceased to exist in March, and the publication of the *Manual of Conchology*, the property of the Section since the death of the first editor, Mr. George W. Tryon, Jr., has been assumed by the Academy. The work will be continued under the direction of Henry A. Pilsbry, Sc.D. Mr. S. Raymond Roberts, formerly Treasurer of the Conchological Section, has kindly consented to retain the financial administration of the *Manual*, and has reported on the receipts and expenditures since the dissolution of the Section.

Dr. Charles B. Penrose was elected a member of the Council to fill the vacancy caused by the absence of Mr. Charles H. Cramp.

The resignation of Mr. Harold Wingate from the Committee on Accounts, because of removal from the city, was accepted.

The meetings of a number of related societies continue to be held in the rooms of the Academy.

I desire to acknowledge my obligation to Mr. William J. Fox for most efficient assistance in the preparation and distribution of the publications and in other matters connected with my office.

EDWARD J. NOLAN,
Recording Secretary.